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BRUSSELS, OCT. 18, REUTER--ANATOLI TCHIBOTAREV, A SOVIET TRADE  
OFFICIAL WHO DISAPPEARED ON OCT. 3, HAS ASKED FOR POLITICAL  
ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED  
TODAY.  
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THE MINISTRY CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT TCHIBOTAREV HAD REVEALED  
THE EXISTENCE OF A SOVIET SPY NETWORK IN BELGIUM.

"TCHIBOTAREV HAS MADE DECLARATIONS CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES  
OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN BELGIUM. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS  
BEEN INFORMED OF THIS," IT SAID.

THE BRIEF STATEMENT SAID "AS IN THE PAST, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT  
TOLERATE ANY ACTIVITY THAT COULD ENDANGER ITS SECURITY OR THAT OF  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BASED ON ITS TERRITORY."

IT MADE NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE MEASURES BY BELGIUM AGAINST  
SOVIET CITIZENS WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REVEALED BY TCHIBOTAREV.  
ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS 40 SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND TRADE  
OFFICIALS WERE ON HIS LIST OF NAMES.  
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Comment Goodwin and CSDO have copies.

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## 42 Soviet Agents Reported Exposed In Spying on NATO

Special to The New York Times

BRUSSELS, Oct. 16—Belgian press reports said today that Anatoly Tchibotarev, a 38-year-old member of the Soviet trade mission here who disappeared from his home two weeks ago, had exposed a Soviet spy network that had been eavesdropping on telephone conversations at headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty organization here and at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in nearby Mons.

Forty-two Soviet agents, members of the K.G.B. or its military equivalent, the G.R.U., are reported to have been made known to United States intelligence officials.

Belgian Government sources refused to comment on the reports.

The Soviet spies are alleged to have smuggled phone-tapping equipment into the country in diplomatic bags. Some reports say that the spy ring spreads beyond Belgium and into West Germany and the Netherlands.

According to reports, Mr. Tchibotarev has gone into hiding with United States intelligence officials in Western Europe.

There was speculation that he had fled to Britain earlier this month when his car was found near the port of Zeebrugge, from which boats run to Britain. It is believed this was a ruse intended to mislead Soviet agents.

No one was available at the Soviet Embassy here tonight for comment.

## Britain Drops Charges

LONDON, Oct. 16 — Fears that attempts might be made to kill or kidnap Oleg Lyalin, the Soviet K.G.B. defector to Britain, led to the dropping of drunken driving charges against him, the Attorney General's office said today.

"It was decided that the greater national interest would be served if the charges were withdrawn," said T.C. Hetherington, legal secretary to the Attorney General, Sir Peter Rawlingson.

The defector should have appeared in court last Thursday to face the driving charges. The case was held over after the Government had named him as the K.G.B. agent whose information confirmed it in the intention to bar 105 Soviet officials.

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